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DULLES MISSED AGAIN

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in a disagreement with the publisher of one of the New York newspapers and most of the press, has claimed that freedom of the press in the United States does not mean the freedom of gathering news, but the freedom to publish it. Dulles was defending his indefensible position in having banned — and having maintained this ban — U. S. newspapermen from Red China.

Just what the banning of U. S. newspaper men from Red China accomplishes, we have never been able to see, and it is clearly the right of American news publications to send reporters to Red China if they wish to. The American people are mature enough to accept the reports of American journalists from that Communist country without suffering any ill effects.

Nor do we think the reporters sent to Communist China — who will certainly be sent, eventually — will be overwhelmed by the attractiveness of Communism and send back slanted accounts to the United States.

We think the freedom to publish news naturally carries with it the inherent freedom to gather it, and if one is restricted from gathering news, he may as well have no right to publish it, since he could be restricted in gathering it so closely that he could not obtain the news to publish.

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A FAVORITE PASTTIME

For some ninety years, a favorite American pasttime has been "refighting the Battle of Gettysburg." The latest to come up with an appraisal of the generalship of Lee and Meade at Gettysburg are those World War II heroes: Dwight Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery. They wanet over the battlefield and decided that both Lee and Meade made costly errors.

All of this is nothing new. Time has already come, when some of the strategy decisions of the generals and other master minds in World War II are being questioned. Certainly, the decision to halt General George Patton from seizing Berlin has been a costly one in subsequent world history. In fact, quite a case could be made out for Patton, over the other generals in World War II. He broke out of the beach confines after the Normandy landing; he saved the say in the Battle of the Bulge, and we believe he could have been first in Berlin, and prevent the division of Germany. But, second guessing is a pasttime of only limited benefits. It takes courage to make on-the-spot decisions and a margin of error is understandable.

But, to get back to "refighting" Gettysburg. Meade can be excused because he had barely assumed command before the great battle was in progress. And Lee obviously had inadequate information upon which to base his orders. Some blame Longstreet and others blame Stuart, but many others bemoan the fact that Jackson was not alive to aid Lee. Brilliant as it was, Pickett's Charge was a most questionable effort of desperation. It is easy now to go over the great battlefield, as we have done, and as Eisenhower and Montgomery did last week-end, and see the importance of Culp's Hill and Little Baldy. But for Lee and for Meade, the situation was not so simple. And be it said to his credit, Lee accepted full responsibility for the loss of a battle that he was not anxious to fight at that particular location.

Our guess that we will go on "refighting the Battle of Gettysburg" for another hundred years. And our prayer is that never again may such a Battle be fought on American soil.

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TROUBLE IN RED CHINA

Red China has admitted that it is encountering some economic distress. This is important when considered as part of the international picture, because it lessens the strength of the Communist bloc and may enhance the chances for peace in the near futur.

It is known that Red China has been concentrating most of its economic effort on the development of heavy industry. However, the concentration has gone on at such a pace that the Chinese have recently found it difficult to maintain an emple supply of food for domestic consumption and for export.

As a result, Peiping is looking to Moscow for a broad new aid program, and the Communist Chinese Government has admitted overinvestment in heavy industry, and has recently raised food and consumer prices and first its Commerce minister.

The Russians, on the contrary, have reduced the prices of some foods, and consumer articles recently and are attempting to placade the Russian people — fearful that what happened in Hungary might happen in other places, if the comfort and needs of the people are not considered to some extent.

BUSINESS PROFITS

The Securities and Exchange Commission reported recently that sales and earnings of corporations in the United States in the last quarter of 1956 set a new record.

This may be surprising to some who have heard so much about the profits squeeze. It is true thatthere is something of a profit squeeze, but judging from figures released by the Securities and Exchange Commission, this squeeze is relatively light-handed.

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Background Scripture: Genesis 13; 18:1-19:29.
Devotional Reading: Luke 11:1-13.

In a Bad World

Lesson for May 19, 1957

THIS world we're in may be a bad one, but it never gets so bad we can't pray. The worse it is, the more reason to pray. There is a story in the Bible which shows a good man at prayer in an evil world. There are many such stories in the Bible, to be sure. The one which has been selected for our study is that of Abraham pleading for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. No man of his time was better than Abraham. No city of those times was worse than Sodom and Gomorrah. Yet this good man prayed for those wicked cities. There have always been puzzlers in this story, but they are not the main point. That point has nothing to do with such questions as "How can God eat hot bread and veal roast?" or "How could Abraham see God if it is true (see John 1:18) that no man has seen God at any time? The point of the story, for us, is the kind of prayer a good man can offer, in and for an evil world.

Dr. Foreman

Realistic

First of all, Abraham's prayer shows that he had no illusions about Sodom and Gomorrah. They were cities which he preferred to stay away from, cities notorious for wickedness unashamed. We do not know how many thousand persons there may have been in Sodom, but Abraham ventures to think that in the whole city there may perhaps be 50 righteous persons. Abraham's series of prayers in which he begs the Lord to spare the city for the sake of fifty—then 45—40—30—20—10 good people, is often taken as a sign of Abraham's growing faith in God. But it can just as well stand for Abraham's decreasing faith in Sodom. At the end, he would not dare ask God to spare the city for "twenty's sake."—it is plain that he was very doubtful that there might be even that number of good citizens. Children may pray as if there were no evil in the world; but grown men even in their prayers must realize what kind of world they live in. Our Lord's Prayer mentions temptation and evil as real and dangerous, even for good men.

Generous

Abraham's prayer is not only realistic, it is generous. Readers of the Bible will remember Jesus' story of the Pharisee who in his prayer recalled the publican—no model citizen. But to the Pharisee the publican was not a man to be prayed for, only a man to be despised. Now Abraham was far better than the citizens of Sodom, if they were good at all, which seems doubtful; and he was better too than his relative, Lot, for whose sake he was chiefly praying. But he prays for them all the same. His prayer is of the highest sort—not for himself at all, but for others. The reader can test his religion by the kind of prayer he offers. One can ask oneself: How often do I pray for myself and how often for others? When I do pray for others, is it for good people only? Are my prayers an expression of selfishness, or can I offer generous prayers? How long has it been since I prayed for any one I didn't really like?

Daring

Abraham's prayer is humble; but it is also daring. Most of our prayers are safe; Abraham realizes that his is risky. It almost involves throwing a challenge to God: Shall not the judge of all the earth do right? This man realizes that he may actually be praying against God's will. He may be praying for the wrong thing entirely. But that does not stop him. He dares to believe that God was interested in a very small minority of good people. He dares to pray beyond his hopes, beyond his knowledge . . . but not beyond God. The God in whom Abraham believed, the God Abraham knew, was not like men. He did not —and he does not—share man's prejudices, man's pride. A man, even a good man, prides himself on not helping the unworthy; but God's mercy is untainted by conceit. Do we dare believe that God is just? Do we dare believe he will do the fair thing, or do we try to argue him into doing what we want even if it is not quite fair? Do we dare believe that God is merciful? or to pray for those who will not pray for themselves? Do we pray only for sure things, or do we dare go so far as to pray even when we fear that we may be asking too much? Can we stand and take God's No (as Abraham had to) and still hold our faith in Him?

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IMPROPER LIMING HOLDS BACK EFFICIENT CROP PRODUCTION

Efficient crop production in Virginia is being held back because of inadequate or improper use of lime on many farms, say VPI agronomists.

They say only about half of Virginia's farmers are using all the liming materials they could use profitably.

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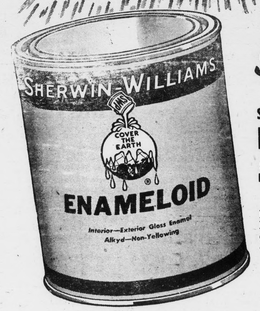

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AN ORDINANCE

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA:

SECTION 1. That the right is hereby granted to the Grantee hereinafter referred to as the Grantee, its successors and assigns, and subject to the terms and limitations hereinafter set forth, to lay, install and maintain pipes, conductors and other facilities in, through, along and upon the public streets, alleys, squares and public places in the Town of Appomattox, and to make such additions thereto, and to do all things necessary for the efficient construction, operation and maintenance of a gas distribution system for the purpose of supplying natural or mixed gas and petroleum gas for power to the Town of Appomattox and inhabitants thereof upon terms and at such rates as from time to time, be prescribed and authorized by the regulatory agencies having jurisdiction ...

SECTION 2. The materials to be used and the manner of construction shall be followed under this franchise or in consequence of the franchise or in consequence of the operation of the Grantee, and in the event that suit shall be brought against the Town of Appomattox whether independently or jointly with the grantee, on account thereof, the grantee, upon notice to it by the Town, will defend the Town in any such suit at the cost of the grantee and in the event of a final judgment being obtained against the Town of Appomattox, either independently or jointly with the grantee, the grantee will pay such judgment with all costs, and hold the Town harmless therefrom; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to render the grantee liable for the negligence of the Town of Appomattox, its agents or employees or of any other person or corporation. The grantee, its successors and assigns shall at all times carry liability insurance with an underwriter and in an amount approved by the Town Manager or Mayor.

SECTION 3. The location and all pipes or mains, the manhole and conduits, ... of any other pertinent equipment or appliances of the grantee and in the event of a final judgment being obtained against the Town of Appomattox, either independently or jointly with the grantee, the grantee will pay such judgment with all costs, and hold the Town harmless therefrom; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to render the grantee liable for the negligence of the Town of Appomattox, its agents or employees or of any other person or corporation. The grantee, its successors and assigns shall at all times carry liability insurance with an underwriter and in an amount approved by the Town Manager or Mayor.

SECTION 8. The rights and privileges herein set forth are granted and conferred upon the grantee upon the express condition and understanding on the part of the grantee, that it will render to the public in the Town of Appomattox during the term of this ordinance, an efficient gas service as reasonable rates and that it will maintain its properties, mains and pine lines located within the Town of Appomattox in good order throughout the term of this grant, except when temporarily prevented by causes beyond its control, and the grantee by its acceptance of this ordinance expressly agrees that the State Corporation Commission shall have jurisdiction to the full extent, and in the manner now or hereafter during the life of this ordinance, provided by law for the regulation of a public utility.

SECTION 9. The Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall lay its service pipes from its mains to the curb line and/or the consumer's outer property line at its own expense, and shall furnish and install necessary curb boxes and meters without expense to the consumer; from the curb line and/or the consumer's outer property line and the consumer shall have the right to select a licensed master plumber to lay and install his fixtures, at the consumer's risk and expense, subject to the Grantee's right of inspection.

SECTION 10. The Grantee shall, subject to the orders of the regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, make service connections for supplying gas for heat, power, fuel and other practical uses and purposes at any point within the corporate limits of the Town upon the proper application therefor in accordance with the standard terms and conditions of the company in effect at the time such application is made.

SECTION 11. The franchise, rights and privileges granted by this ordinance shall extend for a period of thirty (30) years from and after final passage of this ordinafce unless the same be sooner voluntarily surrendered by the grantee with the consent of the Council of the Town of Appomattox or unless the same be sooner forfeited as provided by law or unless the Grantee has not commenced service within 2 years from the date of acceptance of this franchise by the Grantee.

SECTION 12. It is expressly understood that nothing to be granted in the franchise under this ordinance shall be construed as granting or attempting to grant to the grantee, its successors or assigns, the exclusive right to use the public streets and highways of the Town of Appomattox.

SECTION 13. That upon the approval of this ordinance by the Mayor of the Town of Appomattox, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to cause to be advertised once a week for four successive weeks, in some newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Appomattox, Virginia, the draft of the ordinance contained in the foregoing sections, and in addition he shall, by such advertisement, invite bids for the privilege and rights proposed to be granted by the said ordinance, which bids shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the presiding officer of the Council of the Town of Appomattox, in open session at the day and hour of the next regular meeting of the said body to be held next after such advertisement is completed, which bids shall then be presented to the Council by the said presiding officer to be dealt with and acted upon in the manner prescribed by law for franchise grants. Said advertisement shall expressly reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

This Ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

I, C. J. Hunter, Clerk of the Council of the Town of Appomattox and as such the keeper of its official records, do hereby certify that the foregoing document is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Council of the Town of Appomattox, Virginia, at its regular meeting on the 19 day of March, 1957.

Given under my hand this 20th day of March, 1957.

C. J. Hunter, Clerk of the Council of the Town of Appomattox, Virginia.

Approved this 20 day of March, 1957.

Richard D. Robinson,
Mayor of the Town of Appomattox, Virginia.
(5-9-4tc)

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Trinity Wesleyan Service Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Trinity Methodist Church met with Mrs. Martin Coleman Monday evening, May 6. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs Tom Kern. The devotional and meditation were given by Mrs. Martin Coleman. She concluded teaching The Spiritual Life Book: Paul's Letters to Local Churches. Mrs David Martin had charge of the program, using as her topic, We Give Because We Love.

The following slate of officerr were installed with a beautiful installation service conducted by the Rev. A. D. Smith; Coordinator Mrs. Russell Martin; President, Mrs. Robert Morris; Vice-President, Mrs. Tom Kern; Recording Secretary, Mrs. David Martin; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Chas. Martin; Treas., Mrs. Ralph Coleman; Assistant, Mrs. Samuel Inge; Chairmar of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Martin Coleman; Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. Kenneth Coleman Chairman of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Percy Reynolds; Chairman of Status of Women, Mrs Fred Weakley; Chairman of Publicity, Mrs. Jutson Morris; Chairman of Supply Work, Mrs. Willie Ray Martin; Chairman of Recreation, Mrs. Marvin Martin; Historian Chairman, Mrs. Everette Moore.

The recreational chairman announced there would be a hamburger fry for all members and families on Saturday evening, May 18 at Miller Park.

After the meeting was adjourned, the hostess served delicious refreshments, which were enjoyed by all.

Those attending the Wesleyan Service Guild conference in Richmond Mhy 4 from Trinity were Mrs. David Martin, Mrs. Robert Morris, Mrs. Jutson Morris, Mrs. Tom Kern, Mrs. Ralph Coleman, Mrs. Kenneth Coleman, Mrs. Martin Coleman, Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr. and Mrs. Abner Martin.

BETHEL M. Y. F.

The M. Y. F. of Bethel Methodist Church met Sunday night, May 12, with a large attendance. Mrs. Calvin Tanner entertained with an interesting program. New officers were elected as follows: president, Bobby Moore; vice-president, Carroll Jennings; secretary, Bethel Bondurant; treasurer, Bud Gouldin; reporter, Helen Gauldin; program chairman, Stella Tanner.

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